

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] A hole-drilling guide for directing a flexible hole-drilling instrument includes; a body made of an electrically insulating material, at least one inlet aperture penetrating a face of the body, at least one exit aperture penetrating a face of the body and a hollow, nonlinear raceway joining linking the inlet and exit apertures. ~~A method for drilling a hole in an obstructed area of a surface includes; locating a hole-drilling guide in proximity to the surface; guiding a flexible hole-drilling instrument, such as an electrodischarge machine electrode, so the instrument follows a nonlinear path and drilling the hole.~~